A FUSION **PRIMARY**

The Political Breach in Norfolk County Widened.

A VERDICT ON A LETTER

John Pickens, on Trial for Murder, is Bailed in a Small Sum-A Famous Pension Swindler Under Arrest-Notes and Gossip.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORPOLIK, VA., July 11.—The breach between the two factions in Norfolk founty politics was widened a little more lo-day, when the members of the fusion committee met in Portsmouth and decided to hold a primary for the nomination of county officers.

This is the most defiant act since the Biate Central Committee decreed that there should be but one committee, and that George W. Jones, of the Straightout faction, was the duly elected chairman of that committee.

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Jacob Anthony won a verdict in the slanpler cuit against the National Accident Association of New York. This suit was
based on a letter sent by the defendant,
in which the plaintiff was refused a
policy on the statement that he was physically and morally unfit, and that he
was dropped from the rolls of the assoriation. Te verdict of the jury in the
Court of Law and Chancery is for damages to the plaintiff of \$400. The letter
in the case and one received by Dr. F.
S. Hope, of Portsmouth, were introduced
in evidence. A summons was sent to
bring Dr. Hope and the letter into the
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JOHN PICKENS ON BAIL.

John Pickens, on trial for the murder of the negro woman, Maggie Grant, in which case the jury was adjourned to Tucsday, was bailed in the Corporation Court this morning. The amount of the bond is \$500, and the bondsman is Dr. W. K. Wood, of Berkley. The jury could not agree, and the bond is for a small amount, hence the inference is that the case is not a strong one against the accused. There is the testimony of the physician in support of the contention of the defense that the defendant did not kill the woman. She would have died a natural death soon without the blow he struck with a lamp. She died four days afterward.

PENSION SWINDLER CAUGHT.
Sydney Webb, the negro pension swindler is caught. He was brought here today, having been arrested in the county by Constable N. L. Halstead. This is the prisoner who escaped from Deputy U. S. M. Bland, of Richmond, who was bringing Webb here for trial in the United States Court for all sorts of pension swindles yracticed on the negroes. He was engaged in collecting money from negroes on the promise of getting pensions for them from the government. He would promise a pension for anything and for any amount. His range was from \$2.50 to \$50. He induced one old woman to sell her cow, as a last resort, to put up money for the expense of the great subsidy he said she would get. When brought here for trial on May 7th, by Deputy Marshal Bland, on the Norfolk and Western train, Webb jump off on the wrong side of the train at the station here and escaped over the Campostella Bridge to the country. He pleked berries, when la

satisfied limits, on the work side of the train at the station here and secaped over the Campostella Bridge to the country. He picked berries, when labor was in demand, expecting to obtain enough money to pay his way to a distance by train. But before he could get away he was suspected and watched and finally arrested when the proof was secured. He is fifty years old and smart and dangerous. The government officers have about forty cases against Webb. Webb was preparing to go north to settle in Brooklyn to be near Dr. Hilles, of Plymouth Church.

SAHOR SHIPPER ARRESTED.

Vance McCarthy, the sailors' boarding-house keeper, was arrested here this morning, charged with exacting 35 for shipping Emmitt Moss, a negro sailor, This is an infraction of the government laws and is subject to fine and imprisonment. Both the city and the United States officers are on the alert to break up the practice of changhaing sailors from this port and the practice and the perpetrators of the offenses it includes and they are ready to arrest the men engaged in it. CONDUCTOR ECKLES RECOVERING.

R. S. Eckles, the conductor of the Norfolk and Western Railway, who was seriously injured in the recent collision near Petersburg, is able to walk about his room. He got out of bed for the first time yesterday. Both of his arms and one rib were broken and his family was anxious for the preservation of his life. That is assured now. He is still in the hospital at Richmond and has the best of care and attention. hospital at Richmond and has the best of care and attention. This news is from his son, a young attorney here, who re-eives daily messages. LARGE POTATOES AND CROP.

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This has been the most successful potatoe season in the history of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The acreage was large; the yield up to the average and the prices satisfactory to the farmers. The farmers of Northampton county are in fine spirits. It is stated that some of the younger farmers of the county have realized more than \$10,000 on their Irish potato crop. Daniel Fitchett, of East-ville, brought to the Landmark office yesterday a box containing eight Irish potatoes, which weighed from one and a half to two pounds each. They are smooth and of beautiful quality and they are representatives of the greatest yield, the highest priced and largest potatees ever grown there.

For Stuart's Monument.

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Secretary W. Ben Palmer, of the Veteran Cavalry Association, which is collecting funds for the Stuart monument, makes the following report of receipts during the past week:

Amount last reported. \$5,551 63

Cash received this week:
Captain John A. Coke, city. 10 00

Major Clay Drewry, city. 10 69

B. D. Crenshaw, city. 20 60

Mrs. John Hunter, city. 100

W. H. Fedy, Culpeper, Va. 50

Veteran cavalryman, city. 100

Uapt, Robt, E. Cowart, Dallas, Tex 10 00

W. W. Blackford, Lynn Haven, Va. 20 00

Major Micajah Woods, Charlottesville, Va. 500

Captian Phil F. Brown, Blue

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A Pretty Wedding,

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A pretty wedding was solemnized in the parlor of the Buckroe Beach Hotel at noon on the 9th instant. The contracting parties were Miss Ada B Whithcot, of Richmond, Va., and Mr. Clarence B Bowles, of Caroline county, Va. Mr. Quarles, pantor of Concord Baptist Church, in Caroline county, performed the creemony. The only witnesses were Mrs. V. K. Mann, a sister of the bride, and her double first cousth, Captain Walter Cabell Holland, of Charlottesville, Va.; a Zew guests and the hotel manager.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK TOLD IN BRIEF SPACE

All of the Important Events of the World in Seven Days of Thought, and Action, Condensed and Classified Without Partisan Bias.

The passing of Pope Leo III overshadows the world. We of the more strenuous Western civilization, whatever our church affillations, tend ever toward the larger religious conception of death as in some sort a release and a rest from life's accumulated burden of error and effort. This view has characterized fittingly the universal interest in this event. The interest and reverence exhibited everywhere during the days and nights of lingering illness came spontaneously, not because Leo was Pope and had sat on the illness came spontaneously, not because Leo was Pope and had sat on the papal throne for over a quarter of a century, but existed because he was a good man, whose gentleness and breadth of intellect had won the respect and love of all by making the most of the instrument which his historic Church represented. Cardinal Gibbons salled for Rome Thursday, in anticipation of the conclave for the selection of Pope Leo's successor The candidates most commonly mentioned are Cardinals Gottl, Rampolla and Vanuetelli. Pope Leo is believed to have indicated his preference for Gotti. A sad incident of the week at the Vatican was the sudden death of Monsignor Volpini, Secretary of the Consistorial Congregation.

President Loubet's royal welcome on English soil—establishing a national precedent as the first French President to cross the Channel—is regarded experally as the entering wedge of a French-English understanding

Signor Voipini, Secretary of the Consisterial Conferential Conferential Conferential Conferential Conferential Conferential Conferential Conferential Conferential Secretary of the Consisterial Conference of European politics. English conference of European politics. English priciplish understanding that may change the face of European politics. English friendliness for our country has been emphasized by the gracious reception accorded by King Edward to the officers and men of Rear Admiral Cotton's fleet. Less welcome are American hogs and New England cattle, which the British authorities have just decided to bar out. The Irich land bill emerged from the committee stage amid cheers, by a narrow majority. Bulgaria assured Austria and Russia that war preparations against Turkey should cease, but hostilities on the border continue to be reported. The Greek Cabinet of Premier Theotokis resigned rather than adopt severe measures for the suppression of a threatened popular uprising against monopolies fostered by the opposition. Pending the expected transmission of the American Jewish petition to Russia, the reported arrests of students at Kishinerf, while attending memorial services for the massacre ylectims, has made an unpleasant impression in the United States. Chinese exhibitors for the St. Louis Fair have decided to stay at home unless the harsh restrictions for their surveillance and deportation shall be modified by the Treasury Department.

Again President Roosevelt's country home at Oyster Bay becomes the political mecca for Republican pilgrims. The visit of Senators Hanna, Fairbanks and Kerns early in the week is thought to have been for the purpose of urging against the retirement of Perry Heath as secretary of the National Republican Committee, under fire of postal fraud charges. The report that Mr. Bryan is to go to Europe and write a book on his observation. Senators here has given new hope to the Domocratic reorganizers. Ambassador Cassini, under cloud of disapproval, was called home from Washington. Sec

was threatened by the conclusion of arrangements by which the Rock Island and 'Frisco Railroad systems secured entrance into New Orleans. Two big and 'Frisco Rallroad systems secured entrance into New Orleans. Two big oil mergers have been reported, one in Ohio, with \$7,000,000 British capital, and a \$1,000,000 acquisition of California wells by Southern Pacific officers. The expected slump in the cotton market occurred early in the week, followed by a rally. On the report of Receiver Tatnall that the creators of hite Asphalt Trust had absorbed \$24,000,000 illegally, the Federal Court, at Trenton, N. J., authorized criminal prosecution. The highest New York State Court declared the American Publishers' Association an unlawful combination in restraint of trade in re-suit of R. H. Macy & Co.

The arbitration plan recently advanced by the Building Employers' Association at New York, which virtually takes away the power of the walking delegate, by requiring work to continue pending settlement of disputes, was accepted Thursday by the union leaders after the employers had agreed to certain modifications. Work in all lines expected to be resumed this week. Eastern college students flocking to West to work as vacation harvesters.

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The North has had to its credit several more race riots, chief of which was the veritable reign of terror at Evansville, Ind., following the shooting of Pollceman Massey by the negro Lee Brown. The militia in repelling a mob from the jail killed ten persons and wounded thirty-five. Governor Durbin prevented the hasty trial of the wounded negro under military supervision. Richmond strike well in hand by troops and violence decreased. The National Educational Association held its annual meeting in Boaton, heard numerous addresses, elected John W. Cook, of Illinois, president, and decided against a centralized management on the present of the content of the conte

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Tuberculosis Congress postponed until 1905. French scientist announced the discovery of a new silk worm in Madagascar. Christian Endeavorers began convention at Denver, Col.

New track records were Waterboy's one and a quarter mile run in 2:031-5 and Africander's one mile and five furlongs in 2:451-5. Ellery H. Clark took the all-around athletic championship at Boston at the A. A. U. meet. Shamrock III. In trial race, made a new record of 2:53-37 over a thirty-knot course. Leander crew victorious at Henley.

Deaths and record breaking heat wave prevailed over entire country, causing many prostrations.

MR. PAYNE IS TO RETIRE

Ill-Health Cause That Will Be Assigned for Resignation.

CLEVELAND'S CANDIDACY

Generally Believed that He Wants the Democratic Nomination for Presidency-New Timber for Rail-

road Ties-Other Notes.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,

No. 1417 G Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C., July 11,

It appears now that the next important announcement from the Postoffice Department will be of the resignation of Postmaster-General Payne. It was stated in this correspondence two weeks ago that the Postmaster-General would probably resign in a short time. The rumor is, now well confirmed. It is understood that Mr. Payne will retire from the Cabinet before the assembling of Congress. Ill health is the reason assigned for the resignation of Mr. Payne. As a matter of fact he has been in poor health for nearly a year. The mental worry and physical labor incident to superintending an investigation into the affairs of his department which developed daily frauds of the grossest character were not calculated to improve Mr. Payne's health.

It is said Mr. Payne's health.

It is said Mr. Payne would have resigned months ago but for the fact that he did not wish to give critics opportunity to say he had retired under fire. Mr. Payne has not suffered from the investigation into Postoffice Department affairs, so far as his personal honesty is concerned. He and his friends claim that the frauds-discovered in the department were legacles from preceding administrations. Charles Emory Smith and Perry Heath have suffered far more injury to reputation than Mr. Payne has done.

That Grover Cleveland desires the Democratic nomination to the presidency next

That Grover Cleveland desires the Democrate nomination to the presidency next year is not doubted now by Democrats or Republicans, sline the long statement from Buzzard's Bay to the Brooklyn Eagle, whose editor, Dr. McKelway, is Mr. Cleveland's warm personal friend, and who was, perhaps the very first man to suggest a third term. Though the condidacy of Mr. Cleveland is generally recognized, so far the only man in the country who predicts his nomination is General C. H. Grosvenor, of Ohio, the prophet of American politics. General Grovenor said in an interview the other day that Mr. Cleveland would be nominated by the Republicans. The portion of the prophecy referring to Mr. Cleveland created great surprise. For eight or ten years General Grosvenor has made some wonderfully accurate political forecasts.

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In 1896 he predicted months before the convention that Major William McKinley would be the Republican candidate for the Presidency. McKinley was not then a prominent candidate, but he was the unanimous choice of the convention. Last year General Grosvenor came within one member of glving a correct forecast of the number of Democrats and Republicans, which would be returned to this House. There are many instances of his remarkable accuracy as a forecaster. But there is a pretty general belief that he hurt his reputation when he prophesied the nomination of Mr. Cleveland.

An official of the Bureau of Forestry talked in a most interesting way to-day of work now being done by the bureau in the direction of securing telephone and telegraph polls and railroad cross-ties from wood not hitherto considered suited to those purposes. The bureau has stations in various sections of the country, where experiments in seasoning timber are being conducted. There is such a station at Wilmington, N. C., where the bureau is directing the work of seasoning cedar poles for the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, which used 150,000 poles last year and 3,000,000 feet of timber in cross-arms.

whether timbers cheaper than plue may not be seasoned and treated with preservatives at a cost so low and be made to last such a long time that it will pay to substitute them for the more expensive timbers now employed. The Great Eastern Railroad, of France, has succeeded inaking beech ties last thirty-five years by impregnating them with tar oils.

The clerks of the War and Navy De pariments came near to making very serious trouble for themselves this week, and it is not yet certain that they have

CURIOSITY

the Newberry, on the Avenue tends to past week.

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Ladles' Muslin Drawers, wide ruffle, hemstitched and six dainty little tucks, a splendid garment for 25c Ladles' Muslin Gowns with 48c Ladles' Muslin Gowns with tucked yoke for. 25c Ladles' Muslin Skirts, with three rows of lace inserting and a ruffle edge with lace to match for. 89c Ladles' Knit Vest with large and small rig, good value 121/2c Ladles' Ribbed Vests, with tape in neck, for. 5c Children's E Z Waists, easy 25c

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Miss Cora Peyton, who has been quite sick at the Virginia Hospital, is reported convalescent.

Mrs. Howard Stone, formerly of Fairmount, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, on Twenty-second Street, returned to her home at DuQuesne, Pa. Thursday.

Mr. James Pickles, of Twenty-first and Short Q Streets, is very much indisposed.

The soldiers of the District National Guard will leave here over the Southern on the morning of the 23d instant for Leesburg, where they will camp for two weeks. Arrangements had been made to camp at Marshall Hall.

Fairmount News

Short Q Streets, is very much indisposed
Mrs. Stone, of Hanover county, has returned to her home, after a very pleasant visit to Mrs. John Smith.
The many friends of Miss Nellie Smith will be glad to hear she is able to be up, after her recent indisposition. Work will be begun on two nice houses for Mr. B. C. Bristow the first of the week. They will be built on the Avenue, near Twentieth Street.
Mr. and Mrs. George Troxler and baby left Friday for Buckroe Beach, to spent some time enjoying the breezes.
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Little Charile, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Perkins, who has been ill for saveral months, died Friday at 3:15 o'clock at his parents' residence, on Twenty-second Street. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Rev. J. O. Babcock, who has been attending the Methodist District Conference at Smithfield. Isle of Wight county has returned to the city, and will fill his pulpit Sunday at Fairmount Methodist Church to-day at both services. Morning subject will be: "The Pitying Jesus," and at night: "Contentment."

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Mrs. Cassic Vincent and little daughter, Mary Temple, of Emporia, Va., are visiting Mrs. Vincent's brother, J. M. Wade, on the Turnpike.
Mrs. T. N. Durvin and children are at Mirk T. N. Durvin and children are at Mirk T. N. Durvin and children are at Durvin will leave for Buckroe in a few Durvin will leave for Buckroe in a few days.

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Miss Hazel Overby Beasley, of Greenshoro N. C. is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Burton on Twentieth Street.

Mrs. A. L. Frey, of Bailimore, is visiting her brother. George E. Knight, on Twentieth Street.

Mrs. Barbara and daughter, of the Masonic Home, were the guest of Mrs. Net. the Newberry, on the Ayanus during the past week.

A most enjoyable tacky party, at which

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Columbus Buggy Co., Columbus, Ohio, High-Grade Vehicles, Geiser Manufacturing Co., Waynesboro, Pa., Peerless Engines, Saw Mills and Throshing Machines, South Bend Chilled Plow Co., South Bend Ind., Chilled Plows and Cultivators,

Schaaf, Susie Lowe, Bessie Schaaf, Carrie Harmon, Nannie Harmon, Annie McCurdy, Ida Haynes, and Messrs. Ernest Schaaf, Joseph Dickerson, Charile King, Birdie Perdue, Charile Haywood and F. A. Leath. After a very pleasant evening spent with music and sonss, and various parlor games, refreshments were served. Rev. C. C. Cox will occupy his public at Fairmount Church to-day. Little Luther Cox was on the streets yesterday. He has been confined to his home for several months.

Gilinn, on North Avenue, Barton Heights, for the benefit of the Seventh-Street Christian Church and the Barton Heights has large crowd will attend. If the weather is inclement it will be postponed until the first fair night.

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PILL-MAKERS MEET

Virginia Association Gathers Tuesday at Buckroe Beach.
The Virginia Pharmaceutical Associa-

The Virginia Pharmaceutical Association will meet at Buckroe Beach next Tuesday for a three days' session, which promises much enjoyment for the pill-makers of the State. A number of Richmond druggists will attend. It is the purpose of the association to make this meeting one of social enjoyment and recreation rather than to learn and listen to long addresses on abstruse subjects. It is expected that five hundred people, including druggists and their families, will be present.

Mrs. Alfred Henderson McDowel and ittle son, William, are visiting Mrs. John J. Epps, Mrs. McDowell's sister, at Glen illen. They will spend the heated term here.

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not done so. Some days ago a petition was put in circulation among the attaches of each department, requesting the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively, to allow all employes to cease work at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Secretary Root and Secretary Moody unhesitatingly refused to grant the request of the petitioners, and requiring them to continue to report for work at 9 A. M., and to remain at their desks until 4 P. M. Then somebody raised the point that there was no authority in law for the granting of a half-hour for lunch, the custom in all the departments. Secretary Hay said he would not change the custom in this respect, but Mr. Root and Mr. Moody, who are two of the hardest workers in the government, have not yet said what they will do in the matter, and many of the clerks are guessing.

It seems to be the popular impression that six hours and a half are not too many for a day's labor.

Washington is in the grass of summer. Washington is in the grasp of summer, if ever it was. This city and Lynchburg were the hottest places in the United States yesterday, and if there are many hotter places than Washington to-day there must be in use in them some unheard of device for the protection of poor humankind. The heat is showing an effect on business. Comparatively few pedestrians are seen on the usually crowded streets, and at one of the leading hotels not a guest registered yesterday. The lobby at the Willard is usually crowded more or less at all hours, but when I dropped in at 10 clock to-day there was not a single guest or loafer

there was not a single guest or loafer occupying the big leather chairs that usually form irresistible attractions. But the railroad companies of the United

But the railroad companies of the United States use 110,000,000 cross-ties every year merely to replace those decayed or worn out. It is rapidly becoming a necessity of find new species of timber which can be used for poles and cross-ties.

The New York Central complains that it finds it more and more difficult to secure longleaf pine ties from Georgia at a price which it could afford to pay, and the bureau suggested that the road use the beech, maple and birch of the Adirondacks. These timbers would not last over three years if laid green and the longleaf pine, put down green lasts only five years, The railroad company has acted on the suggestion of the bureau and is defraying the cost of experiments designed to learn whether timbers cheaper than pine may not be seasoned and treated with preser-

The Motive That Leads to Knowledge, The Motive That Leads to Knowledge. They say curiosity once killed a cat, but if it were not for curiosity little orogeness would be made. A Texan tells the following good story about his curiosity and what he learned about food: "One day down at the store I noticed a yellow package with a curious name, 'Grape-Nuts.' The name fascinated me and aroused my curiosity. I didn't like to display my ignorance by asking, see bought a package and took it home, where I read all about it. When wife and I tried it we thought it delightful and commenced using it morning and evening with oream.

THE FORCEPS MEN

AT HOT SPRINGS

They Will Hold Annual Meeting There July 21 to 23.

Expect Good Sessions.

The Virginia Dental Association will meet July 21st to 23d at the Hot Springs, and the attendance from Richmond and clewhere in the State is expected to be large. A number of papers, interesting to members of the profession, will be steed and all who intend to be present are looking forward to an enjoyable sension. Officers of the association are Dr. Baskerille Bridgeforth, president, and Finance, it is a small association are Dr. Baskerille Bridgeforth, president, and R. L. Singaon, second vice-president, Richmond.

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Wice-president, Norfolk; J. Hall Moore, Corresponding secretary, Richmond, and George F. Keesee, recording secretary. Richmond, and George F. Keesee, recording secretary, Richmond, and George F. Keesee, recording secretary. Richmond, and George F. Keese, Richmond, and G

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